PINE MOUNTAIN Wilderness

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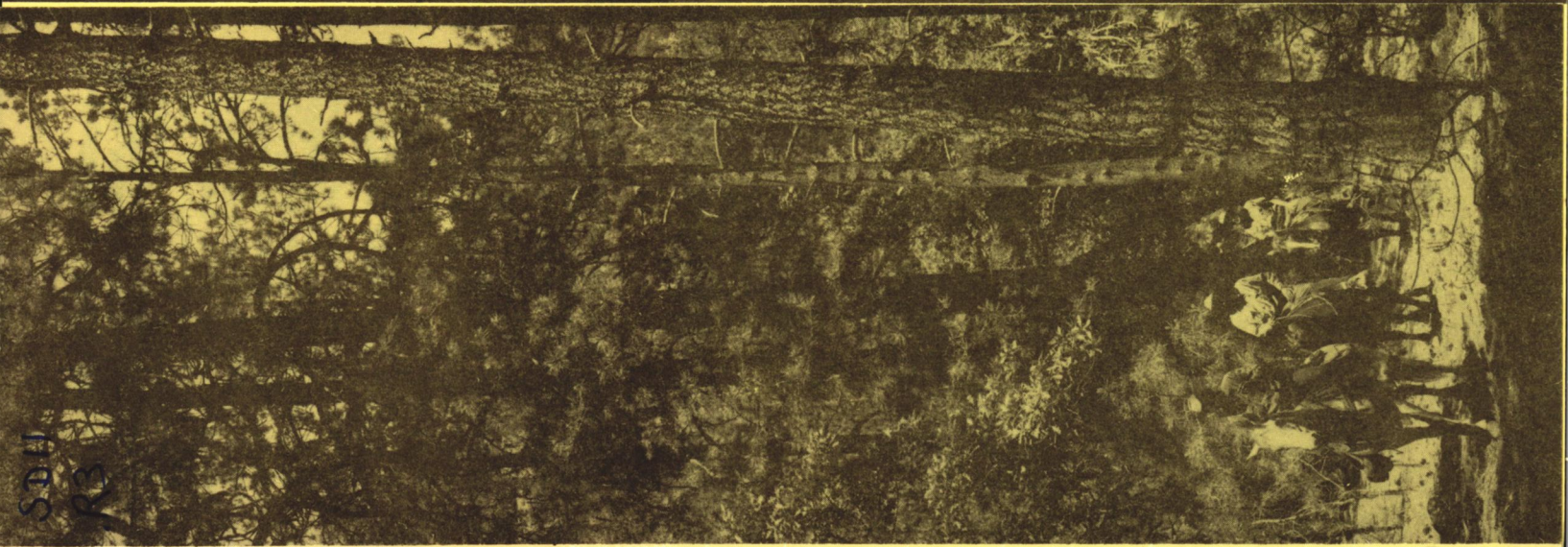

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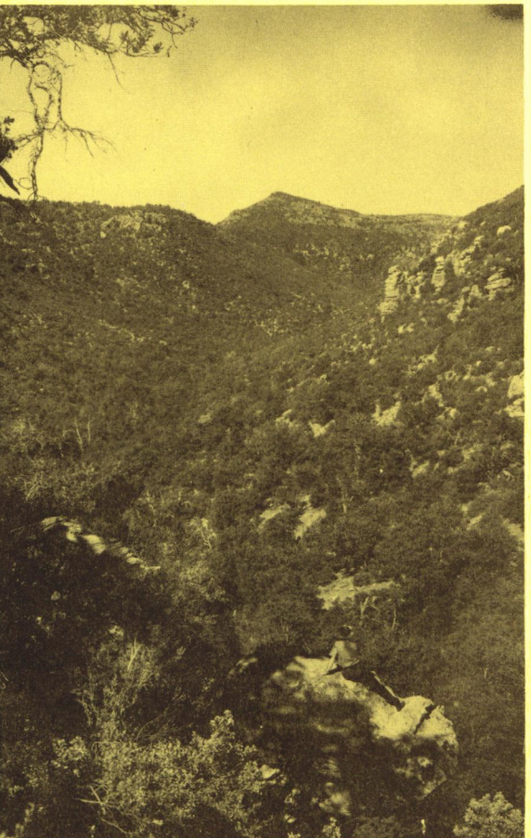
FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Campfire and smoking restrictions are frequently necessary during May and June, the driest months in the Southwest. Before entering the Wilderness during any period of hot and dry weather, please contact the nearest Forest Service office for campfire information.

HORSES AND PACK STOCK

The Wilderness has a limited amount of forage. To protect this resource, visitors are encouraged to pack in feed for their animals.

The springs are the only sources of water in the Wilderness. Tether animals away from the springs to prevent pollution.



PINE MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS

Lying along the Verde Rim, the 20,062-acre Pine Mountain Wilderness is an island of tall, green timber, surrounded by desert mountains. Natural beauty and solitude await you in deep, brushy canyons, juniper and pinyon covered mesas, and groves of majestic ponderosa pine. The Verde Rim offers a panoramic overview of the Verde River and the rugged desert country.

Ponderosa pine, chaparral and woodland vegetation cover the northern portion of the Wilderness. The topography is moderately steep, interspersed with flat mesas separated by deep rugged canyons. The southern portion slopes down sharply from the Verde Rim toward the Verde River. The terrain is rough, steep and rocky, characterized by chaparral and semi-desert shrubs.

Wilderness visitors must carry drinking water as water is in short supply except for a few springs and pot holes. The average annual precipitation is 20 inches. It comes as snow during the winter and rain during the July-August rainy season when flash floods may occur after a severe thunderstorm.

Wildlife, including mule deer, whitetail deer, bear, lion, and javelina occasionally can be seen within the Wilderness' elevation range of 4,600 to 6,800 feet atop Pine Mountain.

WILDERNESS ETHICS

With increasing back-country travel, it is most important that everyone follows the rules of common courtesy and good mountain manners. A Wilderness outing can offer many things, but most people seek solitude, peace and quiet.

Please limit your group to no more than 25 people as large groups destroy the Wilderness resource.

Camp at least ¼ mile from springs and water to protect the fragile vegetation and to guard **against pollution.**

Respect the solitude by avoiding boisterous conduct and loud noises, and by leaving adequate distances between campsites.

Locate a toilet site at least 150 feet from campsites, trails, springs, and other water sources. Dig a hole no more than 10 inches in diameter and 6 inches deep (to stay within the biological disposer layer) then cover the hole when through.

Put litter in your backpack. Don't litter the trail.

Choose a safe place for your fire. Keep it small and make certain it is completely out before you leave.

Pack out cans and other unburnable material. Burn refuse and garbage, don't bury it — the animals will dig it up.

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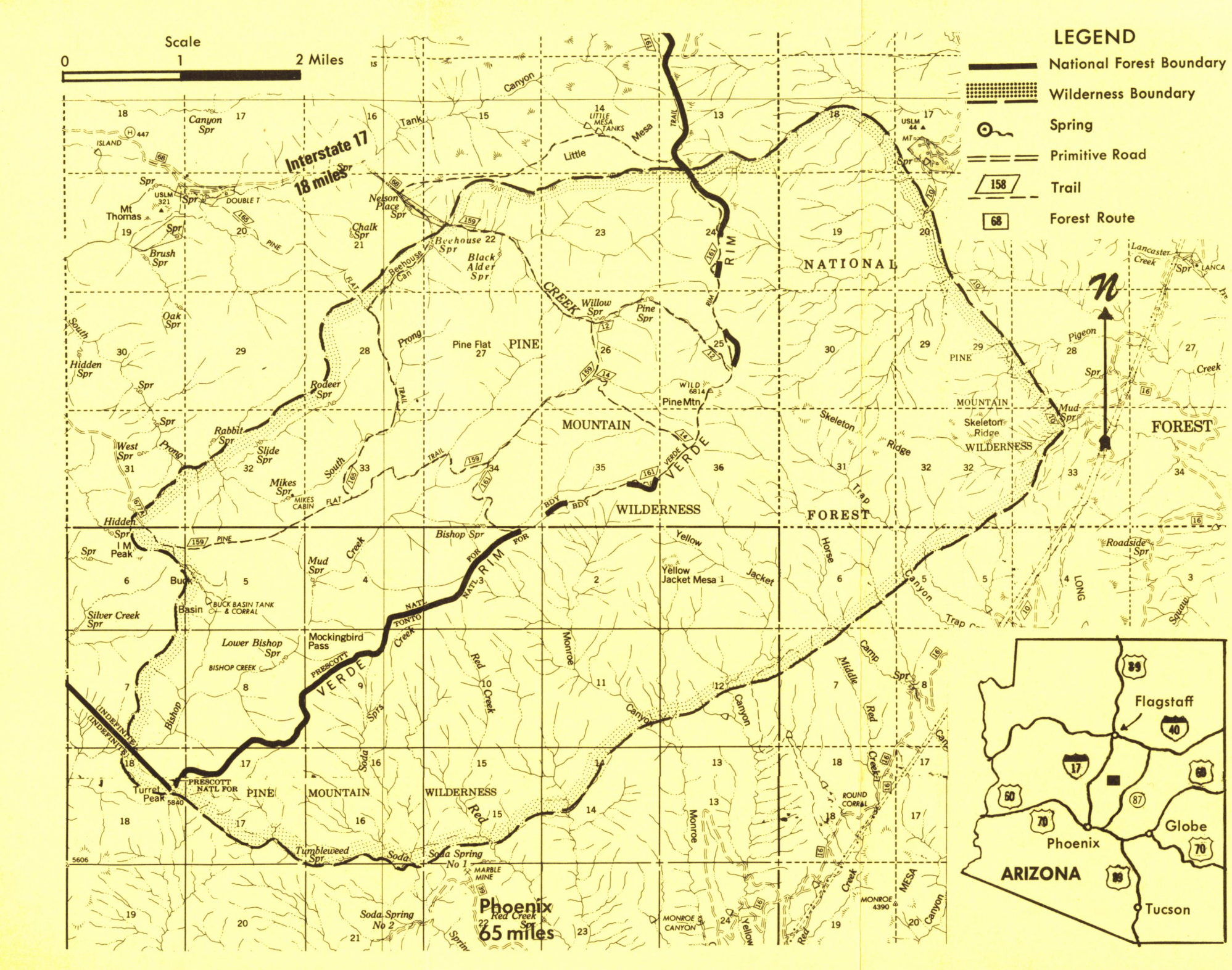
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